

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-66-00

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY WELFARE-TO-WORK
COORDINATORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- ☐ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE MANPOWER
DEMONSTRATION RESEARCH CORPORATION (MDRC) ON SAN
FRANCISCO WORKS (SFWORKS)

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the availability of the Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation's (MDRC) report entitled *San Francisco Works - Toward an Employer-Led Approach to Welfare Reform and Workforce Development*, which describes a welfare-to-work service-delivery model that has the extensive involvement and support of the business community.

SFWorks is a partnership among the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, the Committee on Jobs (a coalition of the San Francisco's 35 largest businesses), and the United Way of the Bay Area. The program emphasizes employer-based training and aims at creating stronger links between job market needs and skills training for jobs that pay more than welfare. SFWorks' experience offers a range of lessons on the importance of cultivating substantive relationships with employers and employer groups and having employer input in curriculum planning and design. It also shows the benefits of developing performance-based service agreements with community-based groups and providing paid internships and mentoring to participants.

If your county is interested in learning more about SFWorks, you may obtain a copy of MDRC's report via its web site at www.mdrc.com or by writing to the organization at 16 East 34 Street, New York, NY 10016-4326.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Ms. Julieta Leon, Employment Bureau, at (916) 654-1785.

Sincerely,

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Employment and Eligibility Branch

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